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1. Association de l'intervention pour les mères

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association de l'intervention pour les mères (AIM) is a non-governmental organization committed to improving maternal and child's health in Mali.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIM aims to ensure that maternal and child mortality are reduced and universal access to reproductive health is raised through family planning, pre- and postnatal care and reproductive health improvement initiatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012, AIM conducted its maternal health campaign and served as a panel member during the "Better life for Women campaign in the 21st century" addressing HIV/AIDS as a source of conflict and its impact on women and girls, hosted at Columbia University, New York. In 2013, it engaged in a conference on maternal mortality reduction in an event hosted by UNICEF and the African Union Mission to the United Nations. In 2015, it organized the Fifth Maternal health campaign calling to action against maternal mortality through a 24-hour emergency care by receiving mothers in labour and in urgent obstetric cases as in abortion.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIM actively participated in the following meetings in New York: the 61st session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child organized on 26 and 27 September 2012; the 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th and 70th summit of the General Assembly and; the 5th Session of the Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals from 25 to 27 November.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIM advocates for the end of violence against women by campaigning in "Say no to violence against women" organized by United Nations Women. AIM collaborated with UNICEF for a fundraising event at the United Nations Headquarters on 13 June 2013 in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIM contributed to MDG 4 and 5 to address child mortality improving maternal health through the construction of a maternity hospital in Mali where 446 patients were given free medical treatments.

2. Cancer Aid Society

Special, 2012

Introduction

Since 1987, Cancer Aid Society (CAS) has been active in various locations in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAS seeks to align itself with the guidelines of National Cancer Control Programme of World Health Organization (WHO) by generating awareness amongst children and adults and making information on the prevention of cancer, early detection and means to improve the quality of life through palliative care accessible in various regional languages of India.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In commemoration of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Awareness Day on 8 December every year, CAS organized countrywide campaigns on prevention and control of NCDs. It has received national and international recognition on its initiatives to combat cancer and tobacco control such as the "Best Cancer Awareness Program" in December 2013 and "Best NGO in Health care" at Giving Back Corporate Social Responsibilities and NGO Awards in December 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CAS attended the high level meeting to discuss prevention and assessment of non-communicable diseases at the United Nations on 19 and 20 September 2011 and 11 to 14 July 2014, respectively. As a registered member of the Global Coordination Mechanism on non-communicable diseases, CAS participated in key events hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) including a dialogue event on 20 and 21 April 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland and a meeting on 9 July 2015 in New Delhi, India.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CAS has contributed to the MDGs by addressing issues of global health, including the launch of important initiatives such as the "NCD Express" and "NCD Globe".

3. Global Hand

Special, 2008

Introduction

Global Hand (GH) is an international non-profit brokerage organization that facilitates public and private partnerships.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GH brings together entities addressing global issues including for-profit and non-profit organisations, foundations, trusts, governments and diplomats and facilitates partnerships in, inter alia: social entrepreneurship; philanthropy; disaster response; poverty alleviation; microcredit; job creation; guidelines/best practice; sustainable development; corporate social responsibility; humanitarian aid; fair trade; and corporate volunteering.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of the United Nations High Level Coalition for Global Education, GH ensured that the website it built for the United Nations in 2010 (business.un.org) reflects major developments which would in turn help businesses partner with the United Nations. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held on 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, GH launched the 'Commitments Platform' through which companies could express their commitment to sustainable development. In 2012, 282 companies made formal commitments towards sustainability, including Microsoft, Nike, Philips, Unilever, KPMG, Dell and Glaxo Smith Kline. GH launched an updated version of the website during the United Nations Global Compact Leaders' Summit on 19 to 20 September 2013 in New York. In 2014, GH integrated support from the business sector in response to the Ebola crisis, in coordination with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER). In 2015, GH realigned the website with the Sustainable Development Goals, which was launched at the United Nations Private Sector Forum, convened by the Global Compact, on 26 September 2015 in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 20 to 22 June 2012 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, on 19 to 23 May 2013 Switzerland; and
- United Nations Global Compact Leaders' Summit on 19 to 20 September 2013 in New York City.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2012, GH co-authored a brochure with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction to appeal to businesses through a 12 point plan for resilience.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GH facilitates strategic partnerships between businesses and charities that support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Charities working on issues covering income generation for the poor, HIV/AIDS, maternal health care, primary education, nutrition and food security have benefited from partnerships facilitated by GH.

4. International Catholic Child Bureau

Special, 1952

Introduction

The International Catholic Child Bureau (ICCB) is an international Catholic network.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to promote and protect the dignity and rights of the child as stipulated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICCB has consistently provided recommendations to various reports including the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and ensured systematic monitoring and follow-up reports of Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kazakhstan, Ivory Coast, Peru and Togo. It also contributed to reports of the UNCRC on Colombia, the Russian Federation and Chile and to the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children. Moreover, ICCB has produced diverse publications to strengthen capacities of human rights defenders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICCB organized 10 side events, submitted 18 written communications and delivered 66 oral statements between 2013 and 2015, and participated in the 19th, 25th, 26th and 27th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICCB cooperates extensively with United Nations bodies to include partnering with the Office of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights (OHCHR) to organize the panel on the "Human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed" in September 2013. It has further

developed strong ties with UNICEF in garnering financial support for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Mali and Togo. It organized a side event on restorative justice at the HRC in September 2013 in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) and partnered with UNESCO to support projects titled "The Community: School without Walls" in Paraguay and "Campaña del Buentrato" in Guatemala, Argentina and Chile.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICCB contributed to MDGs 1 and 2 by collaborating with partners to: help more than 300 children to gain access to schools in Argentina; support the recovery process of 2,500 abused children in Cambodia; deploy 19 community nurseries to provide care for 150 children in India; and support the education of 400 working children in Paraguay.

5. IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association (IPV) mainly conducts activities in the field of human rights education.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of IPV is human rights education together with advancement of women, sustainable development and peace education through meetings, courses, seminars and information dissemination.

Significant changes in the organization

On 12 November 2012 IPV was listed in the Italian register of volunteer organizations in the Lazio Region of Italy.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPV submitted oral and written statements during substantive sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It organized a side event on "Human Rights Education and Information to Defeat Violence" during the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013. On 22 November 2015, together with the Centre for Human Rights of Jinane University, IPV organized a meeting on the role of national institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights in Tripoli, Lebanon. IPV also submitted a written statement to the 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development on 1 December 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPV participated in several ordinary and special substantive sessions of ECOSOC and the Human Rights Council. On 27 September 2012, it participated in a side event convened by Ministers from the Italian and Jordanian Ministries of Foreign Affairs on civil society and human rights education as a tool to promote

religious tolerance organized during the General Assembly in New York. IPV also participated in the 57th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and 2014 as well as the 52nd Commission for Social Development in 2014. In 2015, IPV attended the European Civil Society Forum and the preparatory meetings in corollary to the Bejing+20 conference.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IPV took initiatives in Italy and the Mediterranean area to promote intercultural dialogue, improve communication as well as advance women's empowerment. On 12 November 2012, IPV organized a round table titled: "Let's Build Peace through Human Rights Education: a Project for the Mediterranean". From 29 April to 1 May 2014, IPV participated in the 13th Mediterranean Congress of Business and Professional Women on an event titled "Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Promotion for Women and Youth and support of small and medium enterprises and post 2015 Development Agenda" in Cairo, Egypt.

6. Lawyers without Borders

Special, 2004

Introduction

Lawyers Without Borders (LWB) conducts projects in or related to the following countries and regions: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nepal, Rwanda, Tanzania, and the Middle East, Latin American and Caribbean region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LWB aims to protect the integrity of judicial processes worldwide by harnessing and channelling pro bono volunteer services of lawyers and judges from around the world into rule of law programming. Its objectives are achieved through development of programs that support transparency, capacity building, conflict resolution, access to justice, and service to the underserved in the thematic areas of corruption, human trafficking, inheritance and succession rights and gender violence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LWB regularly attends meetings organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Committee on Human Rights, Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization and the High Commissioner for Refugees. LWB also launched a new project partnership with Winrock International which entails a comprehensive legislative analysis of child labour laws in eight

countries. LWB invested in a new e-training program through Thomson Reuters where videos are used as teaching tools for prosecutors and judges that were tried successfully in the Liberia in-country Human Trafficking projects.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LWB participated in the 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th sessions on the Commission on the Status of Women and led an exercise along with Yale University titled "In my shoes" based on women facing work place sexual advances. In 2014, representatives also attended the 65th DPI/NGO conference where it convened a workshop showcasing different methods for teaching conflict resolution and the 15th Annual Comparative Human Rights Conference at University of Connecticut where it presented educational material. In 2012, LWB attended the session on how NGOs can use social media to create impact and eradicate poverty on 20 January and the High Level Panel on Sustainability on 6 February in New York; it also partook in a briefing on the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council on 4 July in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LWB contributed to MDG 2 through projects addressing child labour in Nepal as well as universal primary education for children. It supported MDG 3 aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women through its "Support Through Trial" advocacy training in Liberia, Ghana, and Kenya on subjects including domestic violence, murder, rape, bribery, human trafficking, divorce and juvenile crime.

7. Movement for the Protection of the African Child

Special, 2012

Introduction

Movement for the Protection of African Child (MOPOTAC) was established in 1991 to achieve social justice, equity and good governance by promoting and protecting social, economic and rights of children and young persons in Nigeria and Africa. It works to achieve these through research, education, litigation in national courts, legislative advocacy, publication and networking.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MOPOTAC aims include to: promote, protect and defend legal rights and liberty of children and young persons under the constitution and international legal instrument; promote welfare, education, political interest, social and economic rights of children and young persons in Africa; promote the adoption and application of bills, charters and conventions; to oppose subversive legislation and adverse traditional/cultural practices affecting the interest and positive development of children and young persons; and to collaborate with local, national and international non-governmental organizations with similar aims and objectives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MOPOTAC organized seminars and workshops in churches, schools and public places to end child abuse. It also convened workshops on pre- and post-disaster management and rescue in collaboration with the International Federation of the Red Cross.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2014, MOPOTAC participated in the 57th session on the Commission for Narcotic Drugs held on 13 and 14 March and the 7th session of the conference of the parties to the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime on 6 to 10 October in Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In adherence to United Nations conventions, MOPOTAC cooperated with United Nations bodies on human rights, human trafficking and drugs through its campaigns. It further collaborated with United Nations Habitat for housing and with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to improve science education through funding and scholarships.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MOPOTAC initiatives include granting scholarships to combat illiteracy and support the agricultural sector for eradicating hunger and increasing food security.

8. Peacebuilding Solutions

Special, 2012

Introduction

Peacebuilding Solutions (PS) is an innovative non-governmental organization (NGO) with a unique humanitarian aid model that focuses on community based solutions by allowing the specific needs of communities to dictate aid delivery.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PS aims to redefine current practices in humanitarian aid by focusing on accountability and community empowerment as their main driving principles. Its main purpose is to provide internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees with self-sustaining resolutions for recovery in order to promote dignity, empowerment, and sustainable long-term recovery methods.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PS has contributed to the work of the United Nations by providing community based humanitarian aid to IDP families living in Haiti, through innovative approaches to peace building. By communicating with local leaders and utilizing existing local infrastructure to provide aid and stimulate local economy, PS promotes a streamlined and effective approach to finding long term and self-sustaining peace building solutions in post conflict areas or natural disaster zones, which exemplifies their dedication to upholding and expanding upon the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) mandate in the realm of post-conflict peacebuilding.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PS has contributed to the overall international discussion of refugees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and humanitarian aid by attending conferences such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) annual NGO Consultations in Geneva, Switzerland from 2012 to 2014 and 57th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PS's work aims to address the MDGs as a whole but has specifically contributed to MDGs 1 and 3 by responding to community needs to combat extreme poverty and hunger through innovative initiatives ranging from rainwater collection systems, gravity water filtration systems, procuring agricultural tools and tarps to the provision of school supplies, soccer balls and shoes for children. PS also promoted genuine and empathetic dialogue on solutions to IDP communities in Haiti.

9. Peace Operation Training Institute

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) provides globally accessible, self-paced, online, on-demand courses on peace support, humanitarian relief and security operations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

POTI uses e-learning to deliver essential, practical knowledge to military personnel, police, and civilians serving United Nations peacekeeping missions worldwide to train peacekeepers be better prepared to perform their duties and achieve success on missions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The professionalism of United Nations peacekeepers worldwide has been enhanced through study of POTI's courses. Between 2012 and 2015, 38,661 military personnel, police, and civilians currently serving on UN peacekeeping missions enrolled in 50,407 POTI courses. During this same period a total of 321,416 enrolments were provided to personnel worldwide who were preparing to serve on missions or needed to learn more about serving on missions. POTI offered 22,098 free courses to 4,514 serving peacekeepers in 2014 and a further 13,855 free courses to 2,300 serving peacekeepers in 2015. POTI e-learning on peacekeeping is currently used by 30 national peacekeeping training centres worldwide.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Executive Director of POTI regularly meetings with Secretariat staff at the United Nations Headquarters to ensure consistency of staff development, aims and content of courses.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

POTI worked with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) to release their course "Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management: Humanitarian Impact, Technical Aspects, and Global Initiatives". With the Ebola outbreak in December 2013, POTI partnered with the World Health Organization (WHO) to produce "Ebola Virus Disease: Awareness and Precautions for Peacekeeping Personnel" which enrolled over 2,500 students. POTI partnered with United Nations Women to develop three courses on implementation of Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, as well as a course on preventing violence against women. It also partnered with the peacekeeping training centres of Australia, Chile, Germany, Ghana, and Sweden to jointly develop the course "Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (CPTMs)".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

POTI supported MDG 3 by developing course materials specifically focusing on gender equality and empowerment of women.

10. People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy

Special, 2004

Introduction

Since its establishment in 1994, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD) has been committed to democracy and human rights. Comprised of activists and experts stemming from varied backgrounds, PSPD monitors the abuse of legislative, executive and judicial bodies, advocates new policies and promotes and protects basic rights of people through public litigation and public campaign.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PSPD aims to solidify the people's movement for peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, and intensify international solidarity activities to promote and protect human rights and enhance democracy in Asia. PSPD is also committed to monitoring the Republic of Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to neighbouring Asian countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PSPD has submitted written and oral statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council on issues related to human rights, freedom of opinion and expression, peaceful assembly, and illegal surveillance. It also contributed to the report of non-governmental organizations to the United Nations Human Rights Committee and documents related to the de-nuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PSPD regularly participates in meetings of United Nations Human Rights Council and organizes side events within its framework.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PSPD is the coordinator of the South Korean network of non-governmental organizations which actively raises civil society views through the United Nations human rights mechanisms and jointly coordinated the visit of the Special Rapporteur to South Korea.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In order to contribute to a global partnership for development (MDG 8), PSPD monitored the South Korean Government's Official Development Assistance (ODA) policy and implementation processes and put forward suggestions for improvement.

11. Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1967, Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited (RLEDS) is the national centre of expertise on drugs and drug laws in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which provides free legal services to drug users, particularly youth from minority ethnic communities, who are disproportionately impacted by drugs policing.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RLEDS provides free non-judgmental, expert advice and information to the public and professionals on issues related to drug use and drug laws. Through its advocacy, RLEDS works to end the criminalisation of drug users and bring about knowledge and awareness of drug laws to decrease human rights abuses in minority communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted evidence to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the drug situation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2015. It also provided evidence to Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the impact of policing on black communities in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, RLEDS participated in the 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th session on the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RLEDS assisted OHCHR in obtaining personal testimonies on the impact of drug policy as it intersects with human rights abuses in the United Kingdom.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RLEDS supported MDG 6 on combating HIV/AIDS through advocacy in evidence-based drug policies that ensure the scaling up of harm reduction services such as needle syringe exchange programmes and opioid substitution therapy, which have proven efficacy in tackling the spread of HIV.

12. Women's General Association of Macau

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Women's General Association of Macau (WGAM) was established in 1950 as a non-profit making social services organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of WGAM are to promote the unity of women of the Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China and to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of women and children.

Significant changes in the organization

WGAM currently has 29,622 individual members, an increase of 4,880 since 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WGAM has contributed actively to the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" by urging local governments to finalize the law for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. It advocated for the granting of five days of paid paternity leave and to extend the statutory maternity leave for the rights and interests of women and children, along with encouraging women participation in political affairs. WGAM was elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Macau SAR of China in 2013 to strive for and defend the rights and interests of women and children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, and provided statements during related conferences between 2013 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MDG 1: WGAM provided assistance to poor community members as a result of natural disasters. It also runs a charity to support groups in China and was given special recognition by the National Women's Association of China in 2015.

MDG 2: In 2012 to 2014, WGAM held annual campaigns to promote laws for women and achieve gender equality. These campaigns enabled participants to be informed about the regulations and laws on protecting women's rights. Additionally, it offered a training course on international affairs for youth and women.

MDG 5: In 2012, WGAM initiated a counselling services programme for the residents of Macau SAR of China and where are offered free cervical screening tests.

MDG 6: WGAM held a series of HIV/AIDS prevention activities in different communities during 2013 and 2015 aimed at making youngsters and citizens aware of AIDS, self-protection and prevention methods.

MDG 8: WGAM partnered with women's organizations in other Asian countries to exchange ideas on topics about women's development in the future.

13. Women's Health and Education Center

Special, 2008

Introduction

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) is dedicated to women's health and well-being worldwide by improving educational and health of women, particularly in developing countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHEC aims to make evidence-based medicine available to the global community by addressing everyday healthcare issues in the languages of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has undergone a change in contact details.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WHEC has published over 330 articles which were accessed by 13 million visitors in 227 countries. In 2014 and 2015, WHEC submitted statements to the High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- United Nations Foundation "Every woman every child" on 20 September 2011, New York;
- 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 27 February to 9 March 2012;
- ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review on Science, technology and innovation (STI) and culture for sustainable development and the MDGs, July 1 to 4, 2013, Geneva, Switzerland;
- High-level segment and side meetings at the 69th United Nations General Assembly, 25 September 2014, New York
- Side event on "Saving Lives, Protecting Futures," 10 March 2015 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHEC launched an e-learning project in collaboration with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations on 24 October 2002. This platform is an open access journal in women's health and is accessed in the USA and in 187 countries and territories. WHEC is also a member of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) administered by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WHEC is developing e-Health educational programs in support of the "Every Woman Every Child" initiative in close collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders. To meet this goal, WHEC is scaling up essential interventions through the following three priority actions: evidence-based country plans; transparency and mutual accountability; and global communication and social mobilization.

14. World Heart Federation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1946, the World Heart Federation (WHF) is committed to preventing and controlling heart disease and strokes in all regions of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHF is dedicated to combating cardiovascular diseases and envisions a world free from preventable cardiovascular diseases with access to effective, affordable and safe preventative methods.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WHF advocated for the landmark United Nations High Level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in 2011 and contributed to the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Action Plan of 2013-2020, the WHO Global Monitoring Framework and Global Coordinating Mechanism. WHF has orientated its work around supporting the inclusion of cardiovascular diseases and NCDs into the post-2015 development agenda. WHF continues to engage and advise the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDG) via open consultations regarding appropriate SDG indicators for heart disease. WHF has published a suite of communications about the global development agenda, including two online advocacy toolkits on cardiovascular diseases and sustainable development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WEF regularly attends and delivers statements at key meetings organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and meetings in relation to the Global Coordinating and the World Health Assembly. Representatives have attended the following meetings:

- High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), 10 and 11 July 2014, New York;
- 6th session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 13 to 18 October 2014, Geneva, Switzerland;

- Third International Conference on Financing for Development, 13 to 16 July 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
- United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, 25 to 27 September 2015, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHF collaborates closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) to address cardiovascular disease and recently launched its 2015-2018 work plan. In 2014, WHF advised the "Be He@lthy Be Mobile campaign" run jointly by WHO and International Telecommunications Unit (ITU) which uses mobile phone technology to tackle non-communicable diseases, including heart disease. WHF supported a side event on innovative financing for health and NCDs during the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development, and engaged with the United Nations Envoy on Youth on addressing the global health workforce.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WHF supported the following MDGs: MDG 3 through its "Go Red for Women" campaign focusing on gender and health; MDG 4 by convening World Heart Day themes focusing on health children; MDG 5 by conducting how rheumatic heart disease impacts maternal health; and MDG 8 by focusing on partnerships with low and middle income countries.

15. World Hunger Year

Special, 2012

Introduction

World Hunger Year (WHY) is a grassroots support organization working to end hunger and poverty by mobilizing resources, building capacity and collaborating with grassroots organizations and NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHY helps to build networks of grassroots organizations and knit together social movements that share a vision of healthy, sustainable communities leading to greater mobilization and stronger advocacy to realize an end to poverty and hunger. Additionally it: mobilizes and builds capacity of organizations, communities, and funders invested in food justice and food sovereignty in the United States of America (USA) and the global south and strengthen international solidarity; supports grassroots leaders to invest directly in local communities; supports emergency food providers to improve their capacity to source, prepare and distribute healthy and nutritious food to their clients; and works at the intersection of racial justice, public health, environmental and climate justice, and economic justice.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WHY carried out a variety of initiatives which contributed to the work of the United Nations including organizing the People's Climate Tribunal in September 2015 and providing travel grants to civil society organizations to participate in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris, France in December 2015. As a member of the United Nations group on food and nutrition, it supported agricultural and food security issues and provided over $1 million in grants to organizations developing agro-ecology and sustainable food production in the United States and in over 40 countries in the global south. In 2012, WHY partnered with like-minded NGOs to organize an event in New York for grassroots organizations to share information following the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As a civil society representative on World Food Security (CFS) and Civil Society Mechanisms, its representatives also attended the post-2015 Development Agenda for civil society in 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHY collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Washington, D.C. to organize the World Food Day in the United States and collaborated with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food to provide remarks at the Food Sovereignty Prize on 10 October 2012 in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WHY contributed to MDG 1 by providing grants exceeding $1 million to grassroots organizations to implement initiatives in support of the "right to food, food sovereignty and agroecology" to end hunger and poverty. WHY supported MDGs 3 and 7 by implementing the World March of Women and various initiatives targeting environmental sustainability.